



TECHNICAL GUIDE TRANSMITTAL NO. 272

FROM: Lisa Coverdale, STC
RE: Field Office Technical Guide, Sections I, II, III and IV

Explanation of Changes:

Section I

The 2015 Payment Schedule has been posted to Section I, under the folder "Cost Data"

Subfolders:

- 2015 Conservation Practice Scenarios
 - Detailed descriptions of each practice offered in CT through the 2015 Payment Schedule. To include typical scenarios and cost components.
- 2015 Payment Schedules
 - Payment Schedules for AMA, EQIP General, EQIP Conservation Activity Plans, EQIP National Water Quality Initiative, EQIP On-Farm Energy and EQIP Working Lands for Wildlife

Section II

Soils Information

Towns with official Locally Important Farmland designated soils have been updated as of 2/25/15.

Cultural Resources Information

"Conservation Practices Potential Effect on Cultural Resources" has been updated for practices contained in Section IV of eFOTG. Planners use this list to determine which practices are Non-Ground Disturbing (NG), Potentially Ground Disturbing (PG) and Ground Disturbing (G) for submitting Cultural Resources Reviews.

Section III

Fiscal Year 2015 Technical Criteria for Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs) has been posted to Section III.

Section IV

The following 16 new or revised Connecticut (CT) Practice Standards have been posted to the Connecticut electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG). These additions or updates to Connecticut conservation practice standards are consistent with recent changes in the National Handbook of Conservation Practices (NHCP) 160. Some have name changes and/or minor revisions and others have major changes from those presently in the FOTG. Please take the time to review and understand the new standards and revisions.

Standard Number	Practice Name	Revision Date	Expired Version Date
324	Deep Tillage (Ac.)	Feb. 2015	Dec. 2013
329	Residue Management, No Till	Feb. 2015	Oct. 2011
330	Contour Farming	Feb. 2015	Apr. 2008
332	Contour Buffer Strips	Feb. 2015	Dec. 2013
342	Critical Area Planting	Feb. 2015	Feb. 2011
345	Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till	Feb. 2015	Oct. 2011
351	Well Decommissioning <i>NEW</i>	Feb. 2015	n/a
386	Field Border	Feb. 2015	Feb. 2011
393	Filter Strip	Feb. 2015	Feb. 2011
484	Mulching	Feb. 2015	Oct. 2011
574	Spring Development	Feb. 2015	Oct. 2008
585	Stripcropping	Feb. 2015	Sept. 2010
600	Terrace	Feb. 2015	Sept. 2010
620	Underground Outlet	Feb. 2015	Sept. 2010
649	Structures for Wildlife <i>NEW</i>	Feb. 2015	n/a
660	Tree/Shrub Pruning <i>NEW</i>	Feb. 2015	n/a

Note: *NEW* = New to Connecticut eFOTG index.

Please note the following practice name changes:

Standard Number	Old Practice Name	New Practice Name
329	Residue and Tillage Management, No-till, Strip Till, Direct Seed	Residue and Tillage Management, No Till
345	Residue and Tillage Management, Mulch Till	Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till

Please contact Arde Ramthun, State Conservation Engineer, or Nancy Ferlow, State Resource Conservationist if there are any questions.

This transmittal is also posted on the Connecticut eFOTG. If you maintain a paper FOTG, please insert this notice in front of Section I of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG). File the updated documents in the appropriate Section of the FOTG. These documents have been posted to the Electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG).



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